

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Holders of [REDACTED] Estimate of the Chinese Communist Air Threat to India," dated 17 January 1963

1. Attached are revisions of the appendices to the above estimate designed to provide up-to-date information on Chinese Communist air order of battle.

2. The conclusions of the estimate (paragraphs 33-38) remain basically valid. The entire matter of the Chinese Communist threat to India is currently under review, including the papers [REDACTED] Estimate of the Chinese Communist Ground Threat to India from Tibet and Sinkiang" and [REDACTED] Estimate of Chinese Communist Capabilities for Attacking India Through Burmese Territory," both dated 14 August 1963.

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APPENDIX A

CCAF/CCNAF AIR ORDER OF BATTLE*

<u>TYPE OF AIRCRAFT</u>	<u>ROLE</u>	<u>CCAF</u>		<u>17 JAN 1963</u> ^{a/}		<u>15 APR 1964</u> ^{a/}	
		<u>NO.</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>NO.</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>NO.</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
FAGOT (MIG-15)	Jet Ftr (Day)	690		620 ^{b/}			
FRESCO (MIG-17)	Jet Ftr (Day)	785		780			
FRESCO D (MIG-17D)	Jet Ftr (LAW) ^{c/}	145		145			
FARMER (MIG-19)	Jet Ftr (Day)	60		80 ^{d/}			
			1,680				1,625
BEAST (IL-10)	Piston Engine Ftr (Grnd Atk)	40	40	40			
FAGOT (MIG-15)	Jet Ftr (Grnd Atk)	--	e/	30 ^{f/}			
				b/			70
BAT (TU-2)	Piston Lt Bmr	100		90			
BEAGLE (IL-28)	Jet Lt Bmr	175		160 ^{b/}			
BULL (TU-4)	Piston Med Bmr	15		15			
BADGER (TU-16)	Jet Med Bmr	--		28 ^{g/}			
			290				267
C46/C47	Transport	30		30			
CAB	Transport	35		35			
COACH	Transport	35		30			
COLT	Transport	25		50 ^{h/}			
COOT	Transport	2		2			
CRATE	Transport	45		47			
			172				194
HOUND	Helicopter	--	--	20 ^{i/}			20
							20
TOTAL			2,182				2,176
<u>CCNAF</u>							
FAGOT	Jet Ftr (Day)	170		140 ^{b/}			
FRESCO	Jet Ftr (Day)	70		55			
FRESCO D	Jet Ftr (LAW) ^{c/}	30		30			
			270				225

* This Appendix supersedes old Appendix A.

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BAT	Piston Lt Bmr	5		5	
BEAGLE	Jet Lt Bmr	150		130 ^{b/}	
			155		135
CAB	Transport	15		15	
COLT	Transport	5		15 ^{b/}	
CRATE	Transport	5		5	
			25	5 ^{b/}	35
MADGE	Reconnaissance	10	10	5	5
TOTAL			450		400
COMBINED CCAF/CCNAF TOTAL			2,672 ^{j/}		2,576

- a/ Figures rounded to nearest five except for the BADGERS, COOTS, and CRATES.
- b/ Reuction due to attrition.
- c/ Limited all weather fighter.
- d/ We do not believe that there has been an increase in FARMERS during the past year. Rather, we believe that our earlier estimate of 60 should have been 80.
- e/ Reference to 30 MIG-15 (FAGOTS), as being specially trained in ground attack, was carried in a footnote to Appendix A in the [REDACTED] study 25X1X7 dated 17 January 1963 and was not included in the total.
- f/ A unit of 30 MIG-15 (FAGOTS) continues to be specially trained in ground attack. All FAGOT/FRESCO aircraft, however, are adaptable to ground attack operations.
- g/ Although these BADGERS may participate in training activity, we do not believe they are capable of conducting combat operations.
- h/ Increase due to domestic production.
- i/ Although HOUNDS probably have been produced within China for several years, our first confirmed evidence of utilization within the CCAF has come within the past year.
- j/ This total adjusted to include the 30 ground attack FAGOTS. See Footnote "e" above.

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